(d) how many Jaguar aircrafts were involved in accidents during the last two years; and

(e) whether Government propose to improve the safety measures at Ambala Cantonment Airbase; if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) to (e) A Court of Inquiry has been set up to investigate the Jaguar aircraft accident that took place on 5th November, 2002 and it is still in progress. A total number of 3 (three) Jaguar aircraft Category-I accidents have taken place from April, 2000 to 21st November, 2002.

Ex-gratia payments to the victims of the Jaguar crash in Ambala on 5th November, 2002, have already been made. Final compensation will be made after the Court of Inquiry is completed.

The existing safety measures at Ambala airbase are adequate. However, safety measures at all airbases are being improved. This is an ongoing process.

Production of Hank-Yarn

†*127. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI :
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is mandatory for the yarn manufacturing units to produce 50 per cent hank-yarn;

(b) if so, the yarn production capacity in the country during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the actual production made during the said years; and

(c) the estimated requirement of hank-yarn in the country during the aforesaid years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) Yes, Sir, it is obligatory for the yarn manufacturing units to produce 50% of yarn for civil consumption in hank form excluding captive consumption. However, yarn for the purpose of hank yarn obligation means yarn spun from not less than 90% cotton and/or 90% viscose fibre including their blends and/or their wastes but does not include the following :

—Hosiery yarn
—Sewing thread
—Industrial yarn

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

—Mixed yarn

—Cellulosic/non-cellulosic filament yarn

(b) The yarn production capacity in the country during the year 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 and the actual production made during the said years are as under :—

Year	Installed Capacity		Actual Production of spun yarn including hank-yarn (in million kg.)
	Spindles (in millions)	Rotors (in thousands)	
2000-2001	37.91*	454*	3160
2001-2002	38.33**	480**	3101

* As on 31st March, 2001

**As on 31st March, 2002

(c) The details of civil delivery of spun yarn in hank form is given below :

Year	Hank form (in million kg.)
2000-01	588
2001-02	593

Exports of Readymade Garments and Handicrafts

*128. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY :
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that there is a sharp dip in exports of readymade garments and handicrafts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and measures proposed for boosting exports; and

(c) the details of relief provided to affected small exporters of garments and handicrafts?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. As per latest available DGCI and S data, during the period April-July 2002, readymade garment exports amounted to US$ 1705.0 million recording an increase of 4.3% and handicraft exports amounted to US$ 382.5 million recording an increase of 3.6%.